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Coefficients in Picture and/or Video Coders and

Decoders and a Corresponding Computer Program and a Corresponding Computer-readable Storage

Medium

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1459 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to examination kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.